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Dear Doctor:

We are writing to urge your participation in the 2001/2002 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). The National Center for Health Statistics has invested more than 20 years in developing this unique study which, we believe, has emerged as a sound and valuable mechanism for collecting national data on office-based ambulatory practice.

The ongoing support of the American Urological Association and all of its members is indispensable in the continuing success of this clinical research program. There is extensive interest in gaining new basic information which can be used as an original, invaluable base for planning and organizing health services in assessing health facility and manpower requirements, in determining desirable modifications in medical education programs, and also in providing additional information on the natural history and epidemiology of disease in the ambulatory setting.

Along with other medical organizations, we have supported this survey for many years. We have been assured strict confidentiality provisions will be maintained. Only summary data will be published and made available to the medical profession, health planners, researchers and the public.

We are confident that all will find the information derived worth the individual effort expended by participating physicians like yourself. Again, may we request your support for the NAMCS by providing the information requested? We look forward to obtaining and utilizing the results of this important research study.

Sincerely,

William F. Gee, M.D.

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